

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

PNX BOTANICALS, LLC,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

CHEMTECH SERVICES, INC.,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 3:20-CV-0186-RCJ-CLB

**ORDER SETTING TELEPHONIC CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Rule ("LR") 16-2, a case management conference shall be set before United States Magistrate Judge Carla Baldwin as the court concludes that a Rule 16 case management conference will assist the parties, counsel, and the court.

A telephonic case management conference is set before this Court on **Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** The case management conference is mandatory and lead counsel or trial counsel are required to appear telephonically for this hearing. If there is a conflict with the date and time for the hearing, counsel have leave to request that the conference be continued. Counsel who have not made a formal appearance in the case or whose name does not appear on CM/EMF will not be permitted to appear. Moreover, failure to attend the case management conference or attending the case management conference without a thorough familiarity of the facts and the law related to the instant case may result in sanctions. **Counsel shall dial 877-336-1829 at least five (5) minutes prior to the hearing to be properly connected into the courtroom. The access code is 2809752 and the security code is 20186.**

In preparation for this case management conference, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

A. Meet and Confer

Within twenty (20) days of the case management conference, lead counsel for each party are ordered to meet and confer either, in person, or telephonically, to discuss the following:

1 1. Settlement: Counsel shall thoroughly discuss the possibility of settlement
2 before undertaking the preparation of the Joint Case Management Report or engaging in extensive
3 discovery. However, if after the initial meet and confer session, settlement discussions are
4 progressing, the parties must comply still with the requirements of this order unless otherwise
5 excused by the Court. If the entire case is settled, the parties must promptly notify the Court and
6 counsel's presence, as well as a Joint Case Management Report, will not be required.

7 2. Electronically Stored Information ("ESI"): Prior to the meet and confer
8 session, each counsel should carefully investigate their respective client's information
9 management system so that they are knowledgeable as to its operation, including how information
10 is stored and how it can be retrieved. The parties shall meet and attempt to agree on the following
11 matters related to ESI:

- 12 a) What types of ESI will be at issue in the case;
- 13 b) The steps the parties will take to segregate and preserve
14 computer-based information in order to avoid accusations of spoliation;
- 15 c) The scope of e-mail discovery and attempt to agree upon an e-mail
16 search protocol. This should include an agreement regarding inadvertent production of privileged
17 e-mail messages;
- 18 d) Whether or not restoration of deleted information may be necessary,
19 the extent to which restoration of deleted information is needed, and who will bear the costs of
20 restoration;
- 21 e) Whether or not back-up data may be necessary, the extent to which
22 back-up data is needed and who will bear the cost of obtaining back-up data; and,
- 23 f) An agreed upon format of ESI disclosures, such as PDF vs. Native
24 Format, etc.

25 3. Issues Required For Case Management Report: The parties shall meet and
26 confer on all the various other items required in the Joint Case Management Report.

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1 **B. Joint Case Management Report**

2 The parties shall file a Joint Case Management Report electronically on CM/ECF no later
3 than one (1) full week prior to the scheduled case management conference. This report shall not
4 exceed fifteen (15) pages and shall not include any attached exhibits.

5 However, if any party fails to participate in preparing the Joint Case Management Report,
6 the non-offending party shall detail the party's effort to get the offending party to participate in
7 drafting the report. The non-offending party shall still file the report one (1) full week prior to the
8 case management conference. The offending party may be subject to sanctions, including
9 monetary sanctions to compensate the non-offending party's time and effort incurred in seeking
10 compliance with this order.

11 **C. Contents of Joint Case Management Report**

12 The joint case management report shall include the following information in separately
13 numbered paragraphs as designated below:

14 1. A short statement of the nature of the case (three pages or less), including a
15 description of each claim and defense;

16 2. The jurisdictional bases for the case, citing specific jurisdictional statutes.
17 If jurisdiction is based on diversity, the citizenship of each party shall be identified and the amount
18 in controversy must be stated;

19 3. Whether any party expects to add additional parties to the case or otherwise
20 amend the pleadings;

21 4. Whether there are any pending motions, including a brief description of
22 those motions;

23 5. Whether this case is related to any other case pending before this court or
24 any other court, including a bankruptcy court, and if so, provide a brief description of the status of
25 those case(s);

26 6. A complete and detailed statement related to discovery, which addresses
27 the following issues:
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1 a) The date the Rule 26(f) initial disclosures were provided, or will
2 be provided, by each party;

3 b) A brief statement regarding, what discovery requests have been
4 served by any party, who the requests were served upon, and the due dates for responses to those
5 requests;

6 c) Whether the parties anticipate the need for a protective order
7 relating to the discovery of information relating to a trade secret or other confidential research,
8 development, or commercial information;

9 d) Any issues or proposals relating to the timing, sequencing,
10 phasing or scheduling of discovery;

11 e) Whether the parties anticipate the need to take discovery outside
12 of the District of Nevada or the United States and, if so, a description of the proposed discovery;
13 and,

14 f) A summary of the number of depositions each party anticipates
15 taking, information related to the anticipated location of those depositions, and whether any party
16 anticipates video and/or sound recording of depositions.

17 7. A brief statement regarding the types of ESI expected in the case, where
18 the ESI is located, a statement of any agreements reached by the parties related to ESI on the
19 issues listed above, and any outstanding disagreements between the parties related to ESI.

20 8. In the event the Court has not already approved a discovery plan and
21 scheduling order, the parties shall include proposed firm dates for each of the following pursuant
22 to Local Rule 26-1:

23 a) A deadline for the completion of discovery;

24 b) A deadline for amending the pleadings and adding parties;

25 c) Dates for complete disclosure of expert testimony;

26 d) A deadline for the filing of dispositive; and,

27 e) A date by which the parties will file the joint pretrial order.
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1 The parties shall state whether the dates proposed in this paragraph are within the
2 deadlines specified in LR 26-1(e). If so, then the parties' report shall state, "THE DEADLINES
3 SUBMITTED HEREIN ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LR 26-1(b)." If longer deadlines are
4 sought, the parties' report shall state "SPECIAL SCHEDULING REVIEW REQUESTED." If
5 the parties request special scheduling review of the LR 26-1(b) deadlines, the parties shall
6 include a statement of the reasons why longer or different time periods should apply to the case.
7 If the parties disagree as to the LR 26-1(b) deadlines, a statement of each party's position on
8 each point of dispute should be provided.

9 9. Whether a jury trial has been requested, whether the request for a jury trial is
10 contested (if the request is contested, set forth reasons), and an estimated length for trial.

11 10. A statement as to the possibility of settlement and when the parties desire a court
12 sponsored settlement conference, i.e., before further discovery, after discovery, after dispositive
13 motions, etc.

14 11. Whether the parties intend to proceed before the magistrate judge. Presently,
15 when a civil trial is set before the district judges, any criminal trial set that conflicts with the civil
16 trial will take priority, even if the civil trial was set first. Continuances of civil trials under these
17 circumstances may no longer be entertained, absent good cause, but the civil trial may instead
18 trail from day to day or week to week until the completion of either the criminal case or the older
19 civil case. The parties are advised that they are free to withhold consent or decline magistrate
20 jurisdiction without adverse substantive consequences.¹ and,

21 12. Whether either party requests bifurcation or phasing of trial or has any other
22 suggestion for shortening or expediting discovery, pre-trial motions or trial.

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26 ¹A form to be used for consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge may be found on
27 the Court's website, www.nvd.uscourts.gov/Forms.aspx (AO 85, Notice of Availability of a U.S.
28 Magistrate Judge). Consent forms should NOT be electronically filed. Upon consent of all parties,
counsel are advised to manually file the form with the Clerk's Office.

1 The parties are reminded that the filing of a dispositive motion does not stay a case in
2 federal court, nor does it excuse the parties with proceeding with their discovery obligations as
3 required by the Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Failure to follow the Local
4 Rules and comply with discovery obligations without first obtaining an order from the court either
5 delaying discovery requirements, staying discovery or staying the entire case may result in
6 sanctions.

7 **Should counsel or a party appearing pro se fail to appear at the Joint Case**
8 **Management Conference, or fail to comply with the directions as set forth above, an ex parte**
9 **hearing may be held and contempt sanctions, including monetary sanctions, dismissal,**
10 **default, or other appropriate judgment, may be imposed and/or ordered.**

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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14 Dated: April 27, 2020

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17 CARLA BALDWIN
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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